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SUBJECT: **RE-ACCREDITATION BY N.A.M.E.**

One of the goals of the Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner was to apply for re-accreditation by the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME), as our current accreditation expires this year.

We were inspected by Dr. Wetli, Chief Medical Examiner of Suffolk County on June 6 and 7, 2006. Dr. Wetli informed us that our office passed inspection and is now re-accredited for the maximum five (5) years until 2011. We are the largest Medical Examiner/Coroner Office to be continually accredited by this prestigious national organization, as the New York Office is not accredited.

The rigorous application process was efficiently and meticulously coordinated by Dr. Christopher Rogers, Chief, Forensic Medicine Division. He worked closely with administrative personnel, Sarah Ahonima, Administrative Services Manager, Craig Harvey, Chief Operations Bureau; Joseph Muto, Chief, Forensic Laboratories Division; and Ms. Silvia Gonzalez, Chief Public Services Division to achieve this end. We would like to thank them for their individual and collective efforts.

Accreditations:

National Association of Medical Examiners
California Medical Association-Continuing Medical Education
Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education

American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors
Peace Officer Standards and Training Certified

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The Los Angeles County Department of Coroner is now accredited by the following organizations:

- National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) (through 2011)
- Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) (through 2008)
- California Medical Association - Continuing Medical Education (CMA/CME) (through 2008)
- American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) (through 2008)

And we are certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), to participate in reimbursable training program and to provide POST Certified training to other agencies.

As in the past, we thank you for your continued support of our department.

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